

This testimony is in **OPPOSITION to HB6816 and HB6667**

Raising the Age from 18 to 21 to Purchase a Rifle - In this State, a person is legally an adult at 18 years of age, can vote and can be drafted into the Armed Services of the United States and serve in a front-line combat unit anywhere in the world as so directed, yet the State of Connecticut doesn't think that same person can be responsible enough to own a rifle. There is no Right to drive a car but there are **CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO VOTE AND KEEP AND BEAR ARMS** - *WHICH EACH ONE OF YOU TOOK AN OATH TO PROTECT!*

One Gun a Month - This provision prevents 1) a surviving spouse from selling his/her departed spouse's collection (2+) guns to anyone, including surviving relatives or others except over an extended period of time which is an *unnecessary and intentional financial harm*; 2) prevents a collector or other person from buying sequentially numbered firearms (or even an unsequential pair or more) which would cause *unnecessary and intentional financial harm*; 3) prevents someone entering a new type of firearm competition from obtaining the NECESSARY firearms to be able to compete which would cause *unnecessary and intentional financial harm*.

Classifying Semi-auto Rimfire Rifles as "Assault Rifles" - In the Supreme Court of the United States(SCOTUS) Decision on May 2022 it clearly states that firearms in common use (which was previously defined by SCOTUS as over 200,000 in sales) cannot be considered 'dangerous and unusual' since over 8,000,000 RUGER 10/22s have been sold, it is the MOST COMMON rimfire rifle in America today, and there is even a nationwide competition which uses ONLY the RUGER 10/22.

Adding More Guns to those already Banned - Since there is already a lawsuit against the State of Connecticut (as well as six other states) for the "Assault Weapons" bans already in place, shouldn't the State consider waiting until these suits are settled before banning more, or is it in the BEST FINANCIAL INTEREST of the State to set itself up for more suits and financial loss.

Violating the previous Grandfathering Clauses - This would **UNDERMINE** the present and **ALL FUTURE CREDIBILITY** of any State Laws or Promises made by the Legislature to its citizens when passing a law. This provision was used to gain support of many firearms owners in the past to support the firearms restrictions previously passed, but now would point out that the Legislature's **PROMISES CANNOT BE TRUSTED TO BE KEPT** - and what does that say about YOU?

Microstamping - Although other states have passed this legislation, there are problems because 1) it doesn't work on regular production lines with any consistency or meet normal Government required standards, 2) will only profit ONE INDIVIDUAL but 3) MOST IMPORTANTLY (as presently designed) **CAN BE OVERCOME ON MOST FIREARMS** within two (2) minutes, which **TOTALLY DEFEATS** its expressed purpose.